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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Minoru TAYA et al.

Art Unit: 3616

Application No.: 10/621,458

Examiner: ILAN, Ruth

Filed: July 18, 2003

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For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING RIGIDITY OF VEHICLE BODY

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 26, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully elect to have further prosecution in this application directed to Species 1, shown in Figures 1 – 10D. The Examiner indicated that claim 1 was considered generic. Applicants contend that claims 2 and 4 are also generic. Claims 5 – 8 read specifically on Figure 1. An action on the merits on Claims 1, 2, and 4 – 8 is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.